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TO: DIRNSA (BUNTING D-32 SPO)			ORIGINATOR E. D. DUCKETT, JR.		
INFO:			DIVISION		EXTENSION 6553
FROM: OPCEN			ID/OSA		
			SOURCE REF.		
TYPE IN CAPITAL LETTERS, DOUBLE SPACED					
TO DIRNSA			CITE RIP OPEN 2706 3 ENL PGS		
HANDLE VIA COMINT CHANNELS ONLY					
PASS TO [REDACTED] 25X1					
<p>1. THE PROBLEM OF SYSTEM III MALFUNCTIONS IN THE FORM OF "ERRATIC SCAN" HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY WORSE DURING THE LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. NORMAL PRECAUTIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES FOR ASSURING OPTIMUM SYSTEM PERFORMANCE HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT IN CURBING THIS PERSISTENT PHENOMENON, AND MORE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM ARE CALLED FOR.</p> <p>2. ENGINEERS FROM OSA'S DETACHMENT ON THE WEST COAST, AND ENGINEERS FROM SPACE TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES (MANUFACTURER OF THE SYSTEM III) HAVE BEEN APPRAISED OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SITUATION AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ISOLATE AND CORRECT THIS SYSTEM FAULT.</p> <p>3. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN THE ANALYSIS OF THIS PROBLEM, A TYPICAL SYSTEM III TAPE EXHIBITING SEVERE "ERRATIC SCAN" IS REQUIRED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOUR OFFICE FORWARD TO OSA THE DUPE SYSTEM III TAPE FOR MISSION 6066 (WHICH HAD HIGH "ERRATIC SCAN" INCIDENCE) FOR THIS PURPOSE. FOLLOWING TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF THIS TAPE AT THE DETACHMENT, THE TAPE WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE FOR STORAGE OR DESTRUCTION. REQUIRED TIME FOR THIS OPERATION IS</p>					
SIGNATURE OF RELEASING OFFICER		SIGNATURE OF COORDINATING OFFICER		SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER	
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ESTIMATED AT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS.					
<p>4. BECAUSE OF THE DETRACTIVE EFFECT WHICH "ERRATIC SCAN" IS HAVING ON THE QUALITY OF SYSTEM III TAPES NOW BEING PRODUCED BY OPERATIONAL MISSIONS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE TAPE BE FORWARDED TO TCO/OSA 6B12, LANGLEY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLY POSSIBLE. OUR OWN ENGINEERS WILL RESPOND WITH EQUIVALENT URGENCY, AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CORRECT THIS CHRONIC PROBLEM IMMEDIATELY.</p>					
END OF MESSAGE					
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